

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

- 1           1.       A method for facilitating secure printing, comprising the steps of:  
2           receiving a document to be printed;  
3           determining that the document cannot be printed in its present form;  
4           transmitting the document to a computing device; and  
5           receiving a print ready version of the document from the computing device.
- 1           2.       The method of claim 1, wherein the document is a protected document.
- 1           3.       The method of claim 2, wherein the document is encrypted.
- 1           4.       The method of claim 1, wherein the document has not been translated  
2           into a print ready format.
- 1           5.       The method of claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting the document  
2           comprises wirelessly transmitting the document to a portable computing device.
- 1           6.       A method for facilitating secure printing, comprising the steps of:  
2           receiving a protected document from a printing device;  
3           unprotecting the document; and  
4           transmitting the unprotected document back to the printing device so that the  
5           printing device can generate a hard copy of the document.

1           7.     The method of claim 6, wherein the step of receiving a protected  
2     document comprises receiving the document with a portable computing device via  
3     wireless communication.

1           8.     The method of claim 6, wherein the step of receiving a protected  
2     document comprises receiving an encrypted document.

1           9.     The method of claim 8, wherein the step of unprotecting the document  
2     comprises decrypting the document.

1           10.    The method of claim 6, wherein the step of receiving a protected  
2     document comprises receiving a protected, untranslated document.

1           11.    The method of claim 10, further comprising translating the document  
2     into a print ready format after unprotecting it.

1           12.    The method of claim 6, wherein the step of transmitting the  
2     unprotected document comprises wirelessly transmitting the unprotected document  
3     back to the printing device.

1           13.     A method for facilitating secure printing, comprising the steps of:  
2           receiving an untranslated document from a printing device;  
3           translating the document into a print ready format; and  
4           transmitting the translated document back to the printing device so that the  
5     printing device can generate a hard copy of the document.

1           14.     The method of claim 13, wherein the step of receiving a protected  
2     document comprises receiving the document with a portable computing device via  
3     wireless communication.

1           15.     The method of claim 13, wherein the step of receiving an untranslated  
2     document comprises receiving a protected, untranslated document.

1           16.     The method of claim 16, further comprising unprotecting the document  
2     prior to translating it.

1           17.     The method of claim 13, wherein the step of transmitting the translated  
2     document comprises wirelessly transmitting the translated document back to the  
3     printing device.

1           18.     A method for facilitating secure printing, comprising the steps of:  
2           receiving a document to be printed;  
3           determining that the document cannot be printed in its present form; and  
4           receiving a communication from a computing device that contains information  
5     that would facilitate printing of the document.

1           19.     The method of claim 18, wherein the document is protected.

1           20.     The method of claim 19, wherein the document is encrypted.

1           21.     The method of claim 20, wherein the step of receiving a  
2     communication comprises receiving a key needed to decrypt the document.

1           22.     The method of claim 18, wherein the step of receiving a  
2     communication comprises receiving a wireless communication from a portable  
3     computing device.

1           23.     A printing device, comprising:  
2           a processing device; and  
3           memory including a security manager that is configured to facilitate  
4     transmission of a document that cannot be printed in its present form to a computing  
5     device and further configured to receive a print ready version of the document from  
6     the computing device.

1           24.    The printing device of claim 23, further comprising a transceiver  
2   adapted to facilitate wireless communications between the printing device and the  
3   computing device.

1           25.    A computing device, comprising:  
2           a processing device; and  
3           memory including a security application that is configured to receive a  
4   protected document transmitted from a printing device, unprotect the document, and  
5   facilitate transmission of the unprotected document back to the printing device.

1           26.    The computing device of claim 25, wherein the protected document is  
2   encrypted and the security application is configured to decrypt the encrypted  
3   document.

1           27.    The computing device of claim 25, further comprising a transceiver  
2   adapted to facilitate wireless communications between the computing device and the  
3   printing device.

1           28.    A computing device, comprising:  
2           a processing device; and  
3           memory including a document translator that is configured to receive an  
4   untranslated document transmitted from a printing device, translate the document into  
5   a print ready format, and facilitate transmission of the print ready document back to  
6   the printing device.

1           29.    The computing device of claim 28, wherein the untranslated document  
2   is encrypted and the security application is configured to decrypt the encrypted  
3   document.

1           30.    The computing device of claim 28, further comprising a transceiver  
2   adapted to facilitate wireless communications between the computing device and the  
3   printing device.

1           31.    A program stored on a computer-readable medium that facilitates  
2   secure printing, comprising:  
3           logic configured to receive a document to be printed;  
4           logic configured to determine that the document cannot be printed in its  
5   present form;  
6           logic configured to facilitate transmission of the document to a computing  
7   device; and  
8           logic configured to receive a print ready version of the document from the  
9   computing device.

1           32.    The program of claim 31, wherein the document is encrypted.

1           33.    The program of claim 31, wherein the document has not been  
2   translated into a print ready format.

1           34.    A program stored on a computer-readable medium that facilitates  
2   secure printing, comprising:  
3           logic configured to receive a protected document from a printing device;  
4           logic configured to unprotect the document; and  
5           logic configured to facilitate transmission of the unprotected document back to  
6   the printing device so that the printing device can generate a hard copy of the  
7   document.

1           35.    The program of claim 34, wherein the logic configured to unprotect the  
2   document comprises logic configured to decrypt the document.

1           36.    A program stored on a computer-readable medium that facilitates  
2   secure printing, comprising:  
3           logic configured to receive an untranslated document from a printing device;  
4           logic configured to translate the document into a print ready format; and  
5           logic configured to facilitate transmission of the translated document back to  
6   the printing device so that the printing device can generate a hard copy of the  
7   document.

1           37.    The program of claim 36, further comprising logic configured to  
2   decrypt the document.